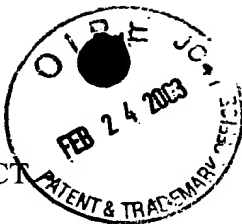


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
CHARLES LEROUX : EXAMINER: SCHILLINGER, LAURA
SERIAL NO: 09/889,558 ✓ :
FILED: JULY 27, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2813
FOR: DEVICE PROVIDING PROTECTION AGAINST ✓
ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGES ...

AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated November 29, 2002, please amend
the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS

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Please amend the claims to read as follows:¹

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11. (Amended) Device for protection of an electronic component against electrostatic
discharges, comprising:

a plurality of Zener diodes formed in a semiconducting layer of a substrate, the
semiconducting layer covering an insulating layer and having two regions of heavy doped

¹The changes to the claims are shown using underscoring and bracketing in the attachment hereto.